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To: All Supervisors, Criminal Prosecutions Bureau

From: Joe Magats, Deputy Chief, Criminal Prosecutions Bureau

Re: Cook County Forest Preserve Police Officer Joe Gotch

Date: July 21, 2015

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Cook County Forest Preserve Police Officer Joe Gotch has been charged with felony Criminal Damage to Property under indictment number 15CR-10152. MIS is conducting a search of CRIMES to determine whether Officer Gotch is a witness on any pending felony cases. Once I have the results of that search, I will forward the results to you. If your unit does not have a computer case management system, please have your ASAs check their files and see whether they have any cases on their call where Officer Gotch is a witness on a pending case. If he is a witness on the case please determine whether the case can be proved without calling him as a witness. If the case cannot be proved without calling him as a witness, please nolle the case. If the case can be proved without Officer Gotch's testimony you should proceed on the case.

If you have a case where we cannot proceed without Gotch's testimony and the case is a violent crime, involves death or serious bodily injury, or is a case where you or your ASAs feel that the case should go forward please contact Fabio or me prior to taking any action. Also, please have your ASAs keep track of how many of Officer Gotch's cases they have and how many of those cases were dismissed.

If you or your ASAs have any questions, please call me. Thank you.